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C O N F I D E N T I A L HELSINKI 1083

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1. BRITISH EMBASSY ON APRIL 10 RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING
NOTE FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WHICH CONFIRMS
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THE VIEWS THE PRIME MINISTER ALREADY HAD EXPRESSED IN
RESPONSE TO THE REVISED WF PROPOSALS (REFTEL).

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE GOVERNMENT OF FINLAND HAS TOGETHER
WITH THE OTHER NORDIC COUNTRIES TAKEN AN ACTIVE INTEREST
IN THE QUESTION OF NAMIBIA IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A PEACE-
FUL AND NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IN CONFORMITY WITH

SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 385. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND THE GOVERNMENT OF FINLAND HAS ALSO SUPPORTED THE EFFORTS OF THE FIVE GOVERNMENTS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

THE NEW PROPOSAL FOR A SETTLEMENT PUT FORWARD BY THE FIVE GOVERNMENTS ON 30.3., SEEMS TO BE IN THE VIEW OF THE FINNISH GOVERNMENT IN THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES THE ONLY VIABLE FORMULA TOWARDS THE INDEPENDENCE OF NAMIBIA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 385. THUS THE GOVERNMENT OF FINLAND CONSIDERS THAT THE REVISED PROPOSAL FORMS A GOOD BASIS FOR AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO THE QUESTION OF NAMIBIA WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS. IT ALSO SEEMS TO THE FINNISH SIDE THAT A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN NAMIBIA CALLS FOR A STRONG MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PRESENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS. END TEXT.

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